

REMARKS

Claims 1-38 are pending, of which claims 1-7, 15-33, 37 and 38 have been withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention. Accordingly, claims 8-14 and 34-36 have been examined.

I. Preliminary Matters

The Examiner has objected to the specification. In particular, the Examiner maintains that the current status of the continuing data information needs to be updated. Accordingly, Applicant has amended the specification as requested by the Examiner.

Also, Applicant has canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, non-elected claims 1-7, 15-33, 37 and 38.

II. Same Invention-type Double Patenting

The Examiner has provisionally rejected claims 8-14 and 34-36 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly claiming the same invention as claims 8-14 and 34-36 of copending Application No. 10/892,314. However, Applicant submits that claims 8-14 and 34-36 of Application No. 10/892,314 were canceled in the September 11, 2006 Amendment. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101 is now moot.

III. Conclusion

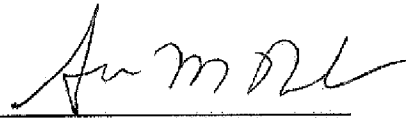
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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